

## INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE

### Consensus Decision-Making Ground Rules

1. **Consensus as the Fundamental Principle:** The Innovations Committee shall strive for consensus in its decision-making. Working toward consensus is a fundamental principle of the Committee.
2. **Definition of “Consensus”:** In reaching consensus, some Committee members may strongly endorse a particular proposal while others may accept it as "workable." Others may only be able to “live with it.” Still others may choose to “stand aside” by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to reach a consensus without them. Any of these actions still constitutes consensus. Items agreed to by consensus will be sent to the full Commission as a recommendation.
3. **Participation:** Members must be in attendance at a Committee meeting to participate in decisions made at that meeting.
4. **Divergent Views:** In the event that members cannot reach consensus, and a significant proportion of members support different option(s), the Committee will send multiple options to the full Commission for consideration. If it is unclear whether a “significant proportion” exists, the Co-chairs will make a determination in consultation with the facilitator(s). Co-chairs of the Innovation Committee may identify their perspective on an option as part of the report to the full Commission.